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Quality of Fertilizers

†3812. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review regarding the quality of Urea and other fertilizers produced by private fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome thereof during the last three years, unit-wise;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the quality; and

(d) if not, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The quality of fertilizers including urea is monitored continuously to ensure that only quality fertilizers as prescribed under the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 are supplied to the farmers. However, no separate and specific review regarding the quality of urea and other fertilizers produced by private fertilizer units has been undertaken by the Government.

(c) and (d) By and large Government is satisfied with the quality of urea and other fertilizer being supplied to the farmers. An assessment of quality control measures is made from time to time and the State Governments who are the enforcement authorities to take action under Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985/ Essential Commodities Act, 1955 against the defaulting manufacturers/dealers and ensure that only standard fertilizers are supplied to the farmers.

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